



## Elizabeth "Elaine" Ellen Black Cummings Klaus

September 18, 1944 - February 17, 2025

Elizabeth "Elaine" Ellen Black Cummings Klaus age 80, of Ringgold, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 17, 2025. Elaine was born and raised in Ringgold, Georgia but was a world traveler most of her life alongside her husband, Robert Klaus, both of which are spiritual in the Baptist Faith. Elaine was an avid fan of Elvis Presley and is a founding member of Elvis Presley Enterprises. Throughout her life, she loved to sing gospel music. She was a Sunday School teacher, choir member and play director of Pine Hill Baptist Church, Nelly Head Baptist Church and Parkway Baptist Church. In her free time, Elaine enjoyed dancing, time with family, and decorating everything around her; of which she always managed to make beautiful. The majority of her mornings were spent in silence with her Lord, in which she prayed out loud for everyone by name, sometimes for hours, making sure that no one was left out. Elaine retired from AMG International in Chattanooga after more than fifteen years of service and had previously worked with Red Food Store and All State Insurance.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Ernest F. Cummings; parents, Fred Lee Black and Delia Brown Black; sister, Betty Jane Black; brothers, George, William, and Roger Black; sister-in-law, Mary Evelyn Bell.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Robert Klaus; children, Sondra (David) Ragan; Tim (Stephanie) Cummings, Crystal Dawn (Trenton) Scott; sister, Mary "Cokie" Black Parson; sister-in-law, Bonnie (Jack) Dyer; brother-in-law, Roy (Evelyn) Cummings; grandchildren, Victoria (Garrett) Wendt, Gus

(Presley) Wendt, Audrey Faith Miller, Samantha Michelle Teems (Jonathan) Smart; great grandchildren, Chance and Beckham High, Harley Lynn Smart, Audrey Elizabeth Smart, and Gunnar Michael Smart; life long friends, Cindy Sparks, Barbara Morton, Rose Marie Dawn, Gin Chasteen, Mike Way and Kim Hayes, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends from all over the world.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. A "Going Home Celebration" is being held on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Tony Angel; and Deacon Donald Swearengin officiating. Interment will follow in Lakewood Memorial Gardens South. Online register book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis ~ Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-7777

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis-Stewart Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736

## Visitation

FEB 23. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Ringgold, GA 30736

## Visitation

FEB 24. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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## Going Home Celebration

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FEB **24**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Ringgold, GA 30736

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Ronnie And Darlene Hinds lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Elaine" Ellen Black Cummings Klaus*



Ronnie and Darlene Hinds - February 24, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Elaine" Ellen Black Cummings Klaus.*



February 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM

LL

“ *My Aunt was a precious lady and will be missed. I know she's with Jesus and all of our other loved ones that went on before us. She will be missed. No more suffering and No more pain. I have lots of wonderful memories of her. I love you Aunt Elaine, until we meet again.*



Lisa Long - February 19, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CT

*Amen.*

Carole Teague - February 19, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MB

“ *Mona Botts lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Elaine" Ellen Black Cummings Klaus*



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**Mona Botts** - February 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

RD

“ *I have so many fun memories with Elaine. We work together at Red Food and she sit beside me. Trying not to get in trouble mind you! One of the funny things that happened is a salesmen came in to talk to Elaine, flirting with her and he pulled out this \$20 and said something about how he would give her the \$20's to go buy her a dress. She snatched the 20 out his hand and put it in her pocket. Hahahah the look on his face when she jerked it out of his hands was the funniest thing. We had the fun and funniest times together. She is a beautiful women and will be greatly missed.*

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**Rose Dawn** - February 19, 2025 at 01:18 PM

SR

“ *My mama was the best. She always loved me and my family unconditionally. She taught me about Jesus. My mother was a very strong tough lady and made me strong . My mama is no longer with us on this Earth but she's living an eternal physical and mental pain free now with her Lord. To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord for those that have been truly saved and accept Jesus. The world shall see that we are different by the fruit we bear. The greatest fruit is Love as Jesus tells us this. As hard as it is to say say you laterits okay and u will truly feel peace if you know the Lord. Mama I will see you later and I pray that all your family knows Jesus and we shall all meet again! Praise the Lord for allowing you to cross over Jordan's chilly river !*

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**Sondra Ragan** - February 19, 2025 at 11:31 AM

CT

“ Thank you for caring about me so much when I had multi stroke. You visited me and I'm very grateful !!! Love you always "Most importantly, you showed me that aunts are the special angels who choose to love us unconditionally".

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**Carole Teague** - February 18, 2025 at 07:36 PM

SR

*Love you Carol*

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**Sondra Ragan** - February 19, 2025 at 11:39 AM

CT

*Love you*

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**Carole Teague** - February 19, 2025 at 01:52 PM